

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Requests for Waiver of Various  
Petitioners to Allow the Establishment  
of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety  
Wireless Broadband Networks

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PS Docket No. 06-229

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY  
Quarterly Report #9**

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System ("LA-RICS" or "System") Authority hereby submits to the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), this quarterly report as required by the Commission's Waiver Order.<sup>1</sup> The LA-RICS Authority was granted a waiver by the Commission for early deployment of a public safety broadband network in the 700 MHz spectrum. This report provides the Commission with a status update on its efforts to deploy LA-SafetyNet.

**I. PLANNING**

As reported last quarter, the LA-RICS Authority issued a notice suspending contract negotiations due to communication from the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) regarding a partial suspension of Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant funds for the purchase of LTE-related equipment. On May 11, 2012, the LA-RICS Authority received formal written notification from the NTIA regarding the partial suspension on LTE-related equipment purchases. At this time, LA-RICS staff is reviewing strategies with the Board of Directors in order to identify the best path forward for the procurement.

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, Order, FCC 10-79 at para. 63-64, PS Docket No. 06-229 (May 12, 2010) ("Waiver Order")

Based on environmental field work assessments completed in the previous quarter, the LA-RICS Authority completed and reviewed a first draft NEPA environmental assessment/ CEQA initial study, along with all related technical reports. Outreach to key stakeholders, including local land use agencies and conservation groups, continued. The technical team began incorporating the initial environmental findings into the proposed system design in order to reduce or eliminate any potential impacts to environmental resource areas and consider appropriate mitigation measures. Further progress on the environmental analysis is slowed until a system contract is awarded and NTIA re-engages with Federal agencies such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Forest Service.

## **II. FUNDING**

The total estimated cost to build and implement LASafety-Net is \$218 million. The Authority has obligated \$154.6 million in BTOP grant funds to design, build and deploy LASafety-Net. At this time, the LA-RICS Authority is finalizing the amount of grant funds on hold due to the partial suspension issued by NTIA. The LA-RICS Authority is estimating about \$70.5 million in suspended BTOP grant funds associated to LTE related equipment.

## **III. DEPLOYMENT**

### **A. Status of Equipment Deployment and purchase, including number of devices and users.**

At this time no equipment has been purchased or deployed. Based on the partial grant suspension issued by NTIA, we are not anticipating equipment purchases until NTIA lifts the partial suspension on LTE-related equipment.

### **B. Site Development**

There are no site development activities at this time.

### **C. Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and location**

A schedule for deployment will be developed following contract execution and approval of a final design plan.

D. Applications in development or in use

There are no applications in deployment or in use at this time. The Authority will implement applications as required by the Waiver Order and Commission rules.

Respectfully Submitted,



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